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SUBJECT: GERMAN-AMERICAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

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1. DESPITE CRITICISM BY THE DGB YOUTH DIVISION AND  
UNTACTFUL REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO DAVID DORN, EMBASSY  
ASSESSES THE JUNE 6-21 VISIT OF 9 YOUNG AMERICAN LABOR  
LEADERS TO THE FRG POSITIVELY. A NUMBER OF USEFUL  
CONTACTS TOOK PLACE WHICH WERE NOT A PART OF THE FORMAL  
SCHEDULE. HANS PETER WEBER, RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AT THE SPD HEADQUARTERS, HELD AN INFORMAL  
GATHERING AT HIS APARTMENT ON JUNE 11 FOR DAVID DORN  
AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION.  
ATTENDING THE PARTY WERE A NUMBER OF YOUNG GERMANS IN-  
CLUDING HEINZ HAWRELIVK (MEMBER OF YOUNG SOCIALISTS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD), ERIK BETTERMANN (SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
THE BUNDESJUGENDRING), FORMER PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRE-  
TARY HEINZ WESTPHAL, PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY FRED  
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ZANDER AND SEVERAL YOUNG GERMAN LABOR LEADERS. EMBASSY

OFFICER WHO ATTENDED THE GATHERING FOUND THE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS WHICH WENT ON THROUGHOUT THE EVENING INFORMAL, FRANK AND CLEARLY WORTHWHILE FOR BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. THE AMERICANS WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE EFFICIENT URBAN PLANNING AND ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE FRG. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THE GERMANS HAD DIFFICULTY IN CREATING MUCH ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE AMERICANS FOR MITBESTIMMUNG, AND THE AMERICANS FOUND LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THEIR DEFENSE OF AFL-CIO POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP, DAVID DORN OF THE LABOR DESK OF THE US YOUTH COUNCIL AND JIM WOOD OF THE LOS ANGELES AFL-CIO LATER TOLD THE EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THEY FOUND THE TRIP VALUABLE AND "A GOOD BEGINNING", ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES.

2. JIM WOOD ALSO ATTENDED THE SPD ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT DER ARBEITNEHMER CONVENTION IN BREMEN, WHERE HE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH WOLFGANG LIES OF THE BONN OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION (OETV). THIS MEETING, OUTSIDE THE REGULAR PROGRAM, WAS ARRANGED BY HEINZ KLUNCKER, OETV PRESIDENT WHO MET WOOD DURING THE VISIT. WEBER, WHO THINKS VERY HIGHLY OF WOOD, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT WOOD'S DISCUSSION WITH KLUNCKER "SEEMED TO HAVE BROKEN THE SOUND BARRIER" AND THAT HE (WEBER) HAD HOPES FOR INCREASED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOUNG AMERICAN AND GERMAN LABOR LEADERS.

3. WOLFGANG LIES OF THE BONN OFFICE OF OETV CALLED THE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE TO INTERPRET FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING REQUESTED BY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFGE, ALLEN KAPLAN. THIS CONVERSATION WAS VERY CORDIAL AND COVERED THE ROLE OF PUBLIC

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SERVICES UNIONS IN THE FRG AND THE USA.

4. WEBER ALSO TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE, JIM WOOD AND DAVID DORN WILL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN ARRANGING THE VISIT OF A DELEGATION OF YOUNG SOCIALISTS TO THE US IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1976. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS PROPOSED VISIT, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDE SEVERAL LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, INDICATES THAT BOTH SIDES ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING AND EXPANDING THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN YOUNG GERMAN AND AMERICAN LEADERS.

5. COMMENT: IN THE FRG, OFFICIALS ARE VERY CAREFUL TO OBSERVE WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE PROPER INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE DGB YOUTH DIVISION WOULD NORMALLY BE ONE OF THE APPROPRIATE COUNTERPARTS FOR YOUNG AFL-CIO OFFICIALS. THEREFORE, PART OF THE DISSATISFACTION ON THE PART OF THE DGB YOUTH

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DIVISION CAN QUITE PROBABLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR ANNOYANCE THAT THE YOUTH FEDERATION (BUNDESJUGENDRING) HAD BEEN SELECTED AS THE HOSTS FOR THE AMERICAN GROUP INSTEAD OF THEMSELVES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A CASE CAN BE MADE THAT THE BUNDESJUGENDRING WAS THE PROPER INSTITUTIONAL COUNTERPART, SINCE THE US DELEGATION WAS ORGANIZED BY DORN AND THE US YOUTH COUNCIL "LABOR DESK" AND NOT THE AFL-CIO. IN ANY CASE, THE PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED BY THE OFFICIALS OF THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE DGB AND THE BUNDESJUGENDRING AND NOT BY THE AMERICANS.

6. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS ISSUE FURTHER WITH WEBER  
AND FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES WHEN  
THEY RETURN TO BONN FROM VACATION IN EARLY AUGUST.

7. THE EMBASSY ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IN-  
FORMATION ON THE REACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS  
IN THIS PROJECT.  
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